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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, PANEL FOR REVIEW OF STANDARDS FOR
PERSONNEL CLEARANCES (NFIB WORKING GROUP ON COMPARTMENTATION)

SUBJECT: Personnel Clearance Standards for NFI/SLC

1. This memorandum is forwarded in accordance with your request at the conclusion of the 26 February 1979 Working Group meeting.

2. All persons employed in any capacity by NSA, including contractors, contractor employees, applicants for employment, and persons nominated for assignment or detail to NSA without regard to civilian or military status are processed for personnel security clearances for access to SCI in accordance with the standards established by DCID 1/14. These processing arrangements will continue.

3. Our major concern is that the Defense Investigative Service (DIS) could be overwhelmed by additional requests for background investigations from other DoD elements for their personnel requiring access to NFI/SLC. This could conceivably add to the completion time of the BIs now conducted by DIS for this agency.

4. Since the proceedings of the Working Group are directed toward non-SCI accesses, it is the consensus of [redacted] and myself that our regular attendance at future meetings is not required. However, I would appreciate receiving copies of the minutes as your deliberations progress. In the event you feel that at some future meeting, we could be of assistance, we are available.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert L. Benson", is positioned above the typed name.

ROBERT L. BENSON
NSA Member

NSA review completed

SECURITY AGREEMENT

Proposed categories to be included in the Security Agreement pertaining to National Foreign Intelligences (NFI) released at standard levels of classification (SLC). The assumption is that the secrecy agreements will be maintained by the Security Officer of the individuals parent organization who will perform the briefings/debriefings and will verify status when requested. Following points to be included are for consideration:

A. Briefing:

1. Oath taken freely
Establish before access to NFI/SLC that the following agreement is entered into freely, w/o duress etc. This establishes the agreement as prior condition to access.
2. What access means
Briefly describes what NFI/SLC is, the importance to national security. Acknowledges receipt of briefing on these points and indicates understanding of it.
3. Will not divulge
Having acknowledged an understanding, this section covers the oath not to divulge, publish, discuss, affirm, etc. with unauthorized persons w/o need to know. Acknowledges being briefed on method of determining status of people.
4. Continuing obligation
Understanding that change of status does not release from obligation to protect NFI/SLC. All info remains property of US Government. Responsibility to obtain U.S. Government permission prior to release of any publications including professional papers, fiction, and non-fiction.
5. Foreign travel restriction
Awareness of restriction on travel to certain areas. Risk of capture etc. Responsibility to notify Security Officer prior to undertaking travel outside U.S.
6. Applicable regulation
Acknowledges understanding of applicable regulations and laws governing unauthorized disclosures of NFI/SLC. Understands possible loss of clearance/job and/or prosecution either civil or criminal

7. Reporting unauthorized disclosures

The responsibility to bring to the attention of the appropriate officials any unauthorized disclosure, or any attempt by unauthorized personnel to obtain access to NFI/SLC.

B. Term Understanding:

1. Acknowledges access to NFI/SLC

Affirms that during employ or assignment that NFI/SLC has been received

2. All returned

Affirms all NFI/SLC is U.S. Govt property and has been returned or accounted for. None in possession. This includes any writings created by an individual unless written permission to retain.

3. Continued obligation

Acknowledges continued obligation to:

a. Protect info against disclosure

b. Obtain permission to publish or speak on matters in anyway related to NFI/SLC

c. Foreign travel restriction (tailored to degree of access)

d. Court appearances or testifying before govt body

e. Report unauthorized disclosures

4. Applicable regulations

Understanding that applicable regulations still apply

5. Oath taken freely

No duress, etc.